



Salem- area Catholic Schools Receive New Pianos





(Pictured Top: Ben Cupani, a 4th grader from Queen of Peace; Middle left: Nyleelah Brown, a 4th grader at Sacred Heart School; Bottom right: Kami Hettwer, music teacher at Blanchet Catholic School).

The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation recently purchased and delivered new pianos to each of the Salem-area Catholic Schools - Blanchet Catholic School, Queen of Peace School, Sacred Heart School, St. Joseph School and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

Sally Cady, the piano teacher at Sacred Heart School said she and piano students were nearly speechless when they saw the piano for the first time.

"We are a small country school, and staff and students alike know that we have limited resources," said Cady. "What a privilege it is now for my

students to sit down at a beautiful piano that has a lovely sound. I know that they feel special, just knowing that someone would donate such a fine instrument for us to use."

St. Vincent de Paul School Principal Maria Palacio is thankful for the gift.

"Having pianos is a gift and a blessing," Palacio said. Mrs. Palacio added: "It is going to give us the opportunity to have pianos in two different places. Moving a piano is difficult, this way we won't have to move the pianos from room to room. One of the pianos is in the gym for functions and events that we will have. The other piano is in the music room/library for our Artist in Residence to teach students. We also have several children that want to play a piano but they don't have access to a piano at home. Now they have the opportunity to practice, and without having to reserve them."

Besides piano deliveries to Blanchet Catholic School and the parish schools, two pianos were delivered to the new East Salem Community Center. One piano is located in the Fellowship Hall and the other in the Performing Arts Center for musical performances and drama productions for our Catholic schools.



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